

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully requests reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1-26 and 48-65 stand withdrawn; claims 27, 30, and 66 have been canceled; claims 28, 29, 31, 32, 39-43, 46, and 67-69 have been amended. Applicants present claims 28, 29, 31-47 and 67-69 for reconsideration.

Applicants appreciate the indication of allowance of claim 47.

Applicants also appreciate the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 29 and 32-40. Applicants have amended claims 29 and 32 to place them in independent form, incorporating the limitations of their respective base claims and any intervening claims. Accordingly, applicants submit that claims 29 and 32 are allowable. Applicants also submit that claims 28, 31, 33, 34, 39-42, 46, and 67-69, which ultimately depend from claim 29, now are allowable. Applicants note that the amendments to claims 28, 31, 41, 42, 46, and 67-69 were made to make these claims depend from claim 29, and the amendments to claims 39 and 40 were made to make the language of these claims comport with the language of claim 29. Applicants further submit that claims 35-38, which depend from claim 32, now are allowable.

Claims 27, 28, 41, 42, and 66 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Cone (USP 6,543,846). Applicants have canceled claims 27 and 66 and have amended claims 28, 41, and 42 to depend from allowable claim 29. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 27, 41, 42, 66, and 67 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Kvalvik (USP 5,713,630). Applicants have canceled claims 27 and 66 and have amended claims 41, 42, and 67 to depend from allowable claim 29. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claims 30, 43, 44, 66, and 68 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Anthony et al. (USP 5,695,243). Applicants have canceled claims 30 and 66 and have

amended claim 68 to depend from allowable claim 29. Accordingly, as to those claims, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 43, as amended, defines a child vehicle seat that includes “a connection member that is a unitary part of the seat body.” By comparison, anti-twist mechanism 103 of Anthony et al. is not a unitary part of the child seat; anti-twist mechanism 103 is a separate component that is rotatably mounted to the rear side walls 104, 105 of the child seat. Anthony et al., col. 6, lines 1-3. For at least this reason, applicants submit that claim 43, and its dependent claim 44, are not anticipated under 35 USC § 102(e) by Anthony et al.

Claims 45 and 66 are rejected under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Bataralis et al. (USP 6,193,310). Claim 66 has been canceled. Accordingly, as to that claim, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Claim 45 defines a child vehicle seat that includes “a connection member including a first end unitarily formed with the seat body.” By comparison, strap 86 of Bataralis et al. does not have a first end unitarily formed with the child car seat; strap 86 appears connected at both its ends to the child car seat by fasteners (see the fasteners shown as dots in FIG. 9). For at least this reason, applicants submit that claim 45 is not anticipated under 35 USC § 102(e) by Bataralis et al.

Claims 31, 46, and 69 are rejected under 35 USC § 103(a) as unpatentable over Kvalvik. Claims 31, 46, and 69 have been amended to depend from allowable claim 29. Accordingly, applicants request withdrawal of this rejection.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 CFR 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a

check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 CFR 1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Respectfully submitted,

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